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Members of the Afghan National Army Air Corps interact with members of the 451<sup>st</sup> Air Expeditionary Wing during a partnership community event May 18 on the ANAAC helicopter pad on Kandahar Airfield. Afghan service members listen as Maj. Christopher Escajeda, director of operations of the 41<sup>st</sup> Expeditionary Rescue Squadron, answers questions about the rescue mission and the HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Nancy Hooks)

## Air Force, ANAAC members partner for a day

**By Tech. Sgt. Renni Thornton**  
*451st Air Expeditionary Wing  
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Members of the 451st Air Expeditionary Wing, the 738th Air Expeditionary Advisory Group and the Afghan National Army Air Corps, Kandahar Air Wing, met May 18 to mingle, ask questions and learn more about each unit's mission and aircraft at the ANAAC compound on Kandahar Airfield.

The day provided the opportunity for an up-close look at fixed-wing aircraft, helicopters and unmanned aerial systems currently at KAF.

The ANAAC displayed their Mi-17 HIP helicopter, used for training, transport and medical evacuation, and the Air Force members displayed the A-10 Thunderbolt II, used for close air support; HH-60 helicopter, used for rescue and recovery missions; and the MQ-1 Predator and the MQ-9 Reaper, both remotely-piloted aircraft used for interdiction and intelligence, surveillance and

reconnaissance. More than 300 people took part in the opportunity to observe each service's aircraft and ask questions.

It was particularly advantageous for Afghan service members who are currently training to fly their own rescue and recovery missions.

"It was a great experience to see what they do and answer questions about what we do," said Maj. Christopher Escajeda, director of operations, 41st Expeditionary Rescue Squadron.

The Kandahar Air Wing is preparing pilots and flight medics in aeromedical evacuation missions.

# Chief's Chatter: *Anonymous Port-a-potty Poets*

**By Chief Master Sgt. Steve McDonald**  
451st Air Expeditionary Wing  
Command Chief Master Sergeant

In this environment, I'm sure we have all had the opportunity to make use of a port-a-potty.

I am constantly amazed (sometimes amused... sometimes shocked) by the writing found on the walls of port-a-potties.

There are evidently many bored (and at times extremely opinionated) people who feel the need to express themselves through this medium.

I have to admit there are some catchy sayings that I will probably always remember. The first poem I ever remember reading on a bathroom wall was, "If you sprinkle when you tinkle, be a sweetie and wipe the seatie."

Some of you may have encountered the short poem that starts "Here I sit broken hearted...." Then there is the saying that starts out with "He who writes on bathroom walls, rolls his #\$\$% in little balls...." Again, I have chuckled silently at some of these sayings.

But then there are just plain malicious, perverse sayings that are found on port-a-potty walls. That makes me wonder how some people feel the freedom to write such hateful things. I'm guessing it's the anonymity (and privacy) that comes from writing on bathroom walls that liberates and emboldens some to share these thoughts.

This also holds true for some internet forums and chat rooms. There is anonymity that comes when you are represented by a username rather than your real name. This

seems to have the same effect as the privacy of a port-a-potty. Many use this anonymity to act and talk differently than they would if their real identity was known.

I can't help but think of a story that I heard the fifth CMSAF, Robert Gaylor, tell.

The story is about an older gentleman who takes great care to make sure his lawn and garden are in pristine shape. When the man is asked why he works so hard on his yard, he replies, "Because my name is on the mailbox." The man realized that something as simple as the condition of his yard reflected who he was.

But in the world of port-a-potties and online postings, people don't worry about their name on the mail box.

They don't worry about things being traced back to them or about being held accountable for what they say. In some ways, I think anonymity can be the nemesis of integrity. When I think about integrity, I think about doing the right thing regardless of whether people know it or not.

To me, it means if I have something to say, I don't mind that people know it was said by me. I don't need to use a secret identity to give me a license to say something that probably shouldn't be said in the first place.

How many news stories have you read where the source spoke "on condition of anonymity" because he was not authorized to release the information? If someone was not authorized to release information, why did they?

Recently, a working group was formed to study the implications of repealing the Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy.

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## Shirt's Dirt: *Mind your manners*

**By Master Sgt. Craig Coder**  
451st Expeditionary Aircraft  
Maintenance Squadron  
First Sergeant

I recently arrived here at Kandahar Airfield and am excited and proud to be here. Our Air Force is full of great aircraft, hardware, and computers ... but it is the phenomenal people who make up this organization and people who are at the core of mission success.

I have learned and grown so much throughout my military career and am grateful for the opportunities I've had and friends I've made. I continue to serve and better myself during my journey, as should you, and being here at KAF is about a lot more than just

putting on a uniform, it's about commitment.

It is about who we are – our core values as Airman – it is about us serving as Americans. My notes today are about the basics of what mom told us.

Mind your manners!

No matter where you are—whether in the MOD or at work - remember, as mom would say, "your basic good manners." We're all on different shifts and work, eat, and sleep in close quarters. Are we really being considerate of others?

Are you the person going through your duffel bag at 2 a.m.? Are you the person who hits the snooze alarm five times before you finally get up? Is your bed made, dirty laundry put away and trash taken out?

Check yourself and police your area.

On the other hand, is it your neighbor that's a problem and are you talking to your MOD room mates?

Addressing the problem directly with the person is a good start. Communication is as important as is solving problems at the lowest level, and how you do it can make or break the situation.

Do you interrupt when others are talking?

Do you say please and thank you? Be patient, be kind and think about what you are doing. I encourage you to make a conscious choice not to be reactive in a difficult situation. Remember it

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# AOR Photo of the Week



## *Aeromedevac*

Members of the 451st Expeditionary Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron transport a patient from the Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility to a C-130J Hercules for further treatment at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. (U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Andrew Hoskinson)

## Air Force, Slovaks team up, complete new facility

**By Tech. Sgt. Renni Thornton**  
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Public Affairs

A joint effort with coalition forces culminated in the completion of a new airfield passenger terminal on Kandahar Airfield May 20.

The Commander of Kandahar Airfield, United Kingdom Royal Air Force Air Commodore Gordon Moulds, received the keys to the new passenger handling facility building during a ceremony.

"I want to thank you all for a job well done," he said to the coalition of Slovakian and U.S. service members.

"Your teamwork helped complete this project on time, and it looks great."

The Slovakian Armed Forces construction battalion took the lead on the project, beginning interior construction in February.

They constructed walls, built offices, erected fire-retardant walls and painted the interior of the building.

Additional outdoor construction included building the fence line and add-

ing force protection barriers along the perimeter.

Working with the U.S. service members was perfect, said Slovakian Armed Forces detachment commander, Lt. Col. Alexander Schober.

"We worked simultaneously with different projects at the same time. We all worked very well together," he said.

Members of the 451<sup>st</sup> Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron also began work on the project in February, installing more than 100 lighting fixtures throughout the building, said Maj.

# Air Force directs immediate inspection of combat helmets

By Tech. Sgt. Amaani Lyle  
Secretary of the Air Force  
Public Affairs

**WASHINGTON (AFNS)** -- Air Force officials here directed an immediate service-wide inspection, recall and reporting of defective advanced combat helmets May 19.

Logistics officials said evidence indicates some helmets were produced using unauthorized manufacturing practices, defective materials and improper quality procedures that could potentially reduce ballistic and fragmentation protection.

"When it comes to the safety and protection of our Airmen, we act swiftly and we take no chances," said Col. Steven Morani, the Air Force Directorate of Logistics materiel support division chief.

"The importance of the recall warrants not only immediate action, but ongoing follow-up as we complete a one-for-one exchange of defective helmets."

Colonel Morani said major commands must complete a 100-percent inspection of advanced combat helmets, manufactured by Rabintex and Armorsource, and identified by a designated Army procured contract number.

In cases in which the contract number can't be determined, units are using specific visual inspection criteria to ascertain whether or not the helmet is affected by the recall.

The colonel emphasized that deployed and pre-deployment Airmen are the first priority for the exchange that will occur from stock in theater. As more helmets are made available, the remain-



**Air Force officials have directed an immediate service-wide inspection, recall and reporting of defective advanced combat helmets. (U.S. Army courtesy photo)**

der of Airmen also will make the exchange.

"Any affected helmets that units discover will be immediately removed from service and if shortfalls occur, we'll work diligently with Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, the Air Force's

source of supply, to close the gaps," Colonel Morani said.

The exchange timeline is contingent upon the swiftness of the mandated inspections, the colonel said.

"Once we know the total number of helmets affected, we can better estimate a completion timeline."

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is the little things that make a big difference, so be patient and choose your reaction; after all you are in charge of your own reaction and no one else.

Have you listened to yourself lately? While an occasional swear word probably isn't out of order, a constant stream of profanity just isn't professional.

What are you talking about? Be sensitive to your surroundings.

Is the subject matter appropriate to those in earshot? Maybe your discussions "just between the guys" or "just between the girls" should be just that.

There is a time and place for everything.

Also, how are you answering the phone?

We are members of the United States Air Force, standard etiquette requires that you give your organization, your rank and name at a minimum. "Good morning," or "how can I help you" are nice too.

When was the last time you took a hard look at your uniform? How does it look? Is it clean and are you wearing it properly?

How about yourself?

Take a look in the mirror. Do you have a fresh hair cut?

Clean, sharp appearance and good manners have long been etiquette associated with military professionals.

I would also encourage you to take advantage of your time here, and make the best of things.

There are lots of activities to do. Don't forget to take some time daily to recharge your own batteries.

Get involved in something that you enjoy, as there are plenty of activities going on.

Make a new friend, play some cards, watch a movie, listen to some music, workout or take a class.

You know what works for you to achieve that "inner balance."

Each of you is vital to the mission, and we need you out there working with your head in the game, doing what you are trained to do.

Be safe, follow procedures and tech data and look out for each other. It's a privilege to be a part of this world class team here at KAF.

There is not a job more noble than what you are doing here, serving our country.

I'm proud to serve with you.

Remember, if mom was standing there how would you react? Mind your manners.



# Portal offers new secure network capability

By Tech. Sgt. Phyllis Hanson  
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

**WASHINGTON (AFNS)** -- Air Force Portal Web designers are keeping up with the Web 2.0 era by offering portal users a new means to engage in professional communications in a secure social media environment.

After initial tests among some 7,000 users in the Air Force's logistics community, the portal's newly developed professional networking capability, similar to Facebook and LinkedIn, is now available to more than 800,000 users worldwide.

"The Air Force Portal's professional networking capability is a secure, behind-the-firewall, solution where Airmen and war fighters can communicate and collaborate professionally, leverage data and information, and share knowledge across chronological and geographical boundaries," said Lt. Gen. Bill Lord, chief of warfighting integration and chief Information officer.

This new capability, developed by designers with the Global Combat Support System-Air Force, features an enhanced "Personal Space" where Air

Force Portal users can customize and personalize their workspace with photos, Web and portal favorites and can post updates on their network wall just like they would on a public domain site such as Facebook.

To access their wall, portal users simply go to their existing Personal Space and click on the "Network" tab or click on the new "Network" link in the top right of every portal page. Creating contacts through a new-people search function is all that it takes to start networking.

"Portal users can connect and reconnect with others in the same job function regardless of organizational or geographic boundaries," said 1st Lt. Alexander Gruenther, Air Force Portal operations chief at Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass.

Behind this secure firewall, users can microblog to share information or post questions as well as use the previously existing Air Force Instant Messenger tool.

"In addition to keeping up with colleagues, we wanted this capability to be something that would help Airmen do their jobs more effectively and efficiently," Lieutenant Gruenther said.



"Airmen have proficiencies in a host of career fields, and having a secure site will allow these "subject matter experts" a place to share knowledge."

The Air Force Portal can be accessed with a common access card from work or home, and has security measures in place that Facebook and other social media avenues don't have when it comes to the types of information Air Force members need to communicate with each other.

"We hope that Air Force members will truly take an active interest in this new communication tool and that users will let us know what can be better so we can continue to improve the Air Force Portal and our ability to support Airman with their missions," Lieutenant Gruenther said.

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The working group initiated an online survey to ask service members for their input. In order to access the survey, service members need to sign on with a Common Access Card.

I have heard numerous people ask if this was a completely anonymous survey and some are concerned since they have to use a CAC to access the site.

Would their comments be different if there was a possi-

bility that the comments could be traced back to the person who made them? Why would the comments be different?

If you have something that is worth being said, you should feel free to express your opinions in a considerate professional manner. If you do that, does it matter if the survey is completely anonymous?

It's probably not a bad thing to always speak and act in a manner that you would not regret if your name was on the mailbox.

## FACILITY, from page 3

Joshua Demotts, commander, 451<sup>st</sup> ECES.

"The team also installed heating and air conditioning units throughout the building, along with 1,000 feet of cable wiring and refrigerant piping. Since starting the project, we've partnered on several other projects with the Slovakian engineers. They are great craftsmen and

have been a great group to work with," he said.

Other members of the 451<sup>st</sup> Air Expeditionary Wing contributed to the completion of the project, as well.

Over the past month, cable systems installers routed voice and data lines throughout the building, enabling the offices to set up telephones and computer connections, said 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Breanne Clark, flight commander of operations,

451<sup>st</sup> Expeditionary Communications Squadron.

"The new building is expected to significantly improve the passenger process because the entire outbound passenger processing area is being removed from the current location, reducing the amount of congestion almost 50 percent," said Capt. Robert Wengerter, flight commander, Air Terminal Operations Center, 451<sup>st</sup> Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron.



Members of 451st Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron upload pallets onto a C-130J Hercules aircraft for an air drop mission into Zabul Province April 9 from Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan. There were sixteen pallets consisting of equipment, fuel, water, and meals ready to eat. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Nancy Hooks)

## Aerial porters move cargo, people everyday

**By Tech. Sgt. Renni Thornton**  
*451<sup>st</sup> Air Expeditionary Wing*  
*Public Affairs*

More than 490 tons of cargo and almost 500 passengers move through Kandahar Airfield every day.

The people who move the equivalent of over 61 elephants each day are just one flight belonging to the 451<sup>st</sup> Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron.

The 60-member unit is part of a partner-oriented process on KAF. They, along with the Combined Air Terminal Operation, operated by the United Kingdom Royal Air Force, are jointly responsible for all cargo and passenger movement here.

Air Force aerial porters receive and ship movement of all military cargo and

passengers while the CATO team members focus on commercial shipments.

Until a few weeks ago, the two organizations with the same mission worked in separate buildings.

"Both organizations are responsible for cargo and passenger movement from the same aircraft, but since we were physically separated, we experienced communication issues that sometimes affected the operations. Being located in the same building gives us an opportunity to combine our load teams," said Senior Master Sgt. Edward Swinson, superintendent, aerial port flight, 451<sup>st</sup> ELRS.

"One of the first things we did was seat our Air Terminal Operations Center controller next to the CATO controller so that when a question or problem

comes up, they now sit side-by-side and can work out issues face to face."

Sergeant Swinson said in the three weeks since he and his staff made the move over to the new facility, there has been a huge change for the unit.

"Now, the CATO leadership is just down the hall and we can resolve things more quickly by being able to and walk down the hall and discuss them."

Environment can make a big difference too.

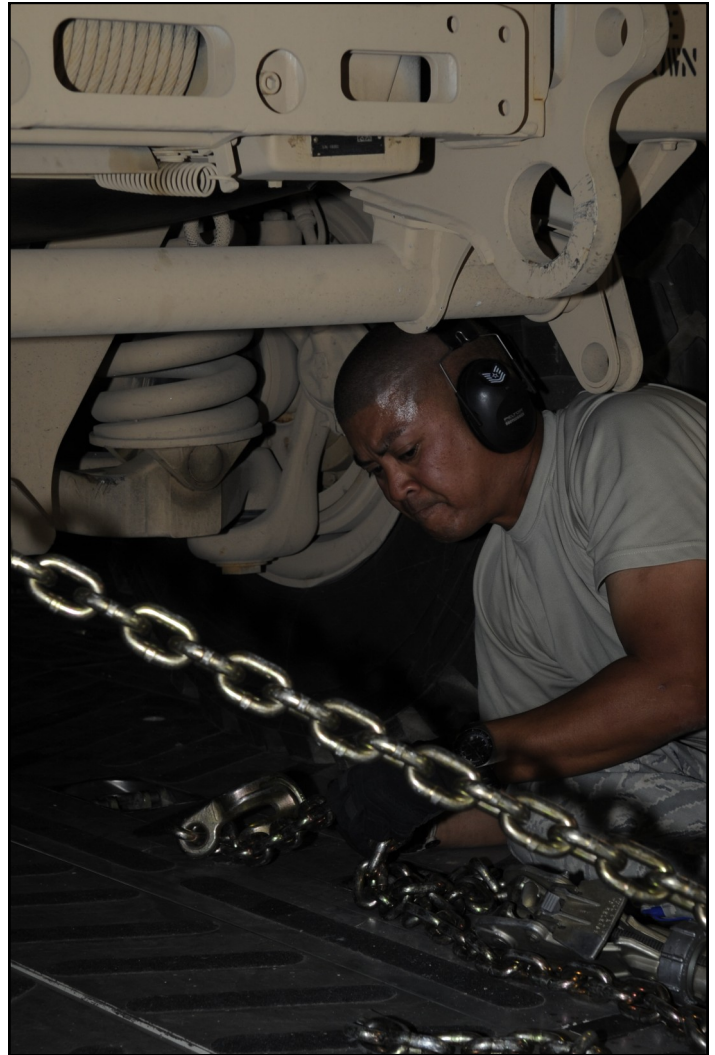
"There's more room here than in our previous location, the rooms are brighter and cooler. The quality of life has improved," he said.

One of biggest challenges Sergeant Swinson and his team faced was cargo that got stuck on the ramps.





**Senior Airman Jason Jackson, loadmaster, guides five Mine Resistant Ambush Protected all-terrain vehicles (M-ATV) off of a C-130J April 8 on Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan. MRAPs are armored fighting vehicles designed to survive IED attacks and ambushes.**



**Tech. Sgt Robert Zumel, ramp services shift supervisor, 451st ELRS, aerial port flight, unsecures chains before off-loading an MRAP from a C-130J on April 8 at Kandahar Airfield. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Nancy Hooks)**



**Airman 1st Class Heather Buhring (forklift), and Senior Airman Shawn Mora, 451st Expeditionary Logistic Readiness Squadron aerial port flight, prepare cargo for shipment April 8 on Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan.**

## **PORTERS**, from page 6

"The top three priorities for us are air drop missions, human remains coordination and engine running on-loads and off-loads. Our direction from the director of mobility forces is centered on velocity --cargo and passenger velocity."

"There are a certain number of parking spots on Kandahar," he explained. "If you have a plane that is delayed and sits here for an extended period of time, that's using up a parking spot for a plane that is coming in. Now, the mission is delayed, the cargo is delayed, the passengers are delayed. Nothing arrives on time," said Sergeant Swinson.

"Getting planes in and out in a timely manner ensures we have free parking to

on-load and off-load. Instead of placing outbound cargo in a storage yard, miles away from the ramp, we have moved them to a holding area closer to the aircraft. They leave the engines running, we off-load cargo, then on-load cargo and they are off and running. That change alone decreases ground time.

"Instead of taking an hour, it may end up taking us 30 minutes to complete that process which opens up that parking spot for the next plane."

The next improvement to the process made by the two organizations was to establish better communication with their partners and customers.

"We formed a 14-member cargo velocity working group. Everyone affected by the processes was involved—

both customers and users. Together, we came up with a 26-item action plan," said Sergeant Swinson.

"Over the next two and a half months, they organized four cargo yards, ...so that everyone knew how and where to find any cargo that had been placed there."

A lot of the principles applied to the processes are AFSO21 in a deployed environment, said Sergeant Swinson.

Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century or AFSO21, is all about process improvement. It means looking at all tasks to determine which steps, processes or entire jobs add value and which do not.





### *Keeping the pace*

More than 490 people participated in the Run4Chance 10K fundraiser May 16 on Kandahar Airfield. 1st Lt. Breanne Clark, 451st Expeditionary Communications Squadron, coordinated the 6.25-mile event, raising more than \$4,500. The online fundraising program is designed to benefit the Chance Phelps Foundation. It is named in memory of Lance Cpl. Chance Phelps, a Marine killed in Al Anbar Province, Iraq in 2004. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Renni Thornton)

### **PORTERS**, from page 7

“These guys identified the processes, identified the steps, identified waste, and eliminated it,” he said.

Cargo velocity was the driving factor for the team’s improvements.

“Velocity is critical in the logistics chain. It means the war fighter gets their people and their equipment as fast as they can from Point A to point-of-use. That means things don’t need to sit on the airfield. The way we measure that is in port-hold

time. When we first arrived in January, the average time port hold time, amount of time cargo sat here was 170 hours before it went to the user. These guys have reduced that to about 15 hours.”

With those improvements, the processes are faster, less-time consuming, more efficient. Its more effective because the war fighter gets what they need in less time.

“Cargo doesn’t sit and wait, we know where to find it and we know where to go get it when the customer comes to pick it up,” said Sergeant Swinson.

**Memorial Day Cookout  
6 to 10 p.m., May 29  
Camp Samek Rec Tent**

**Brought to you by  
The First Four organization**

**Memorial Day  
Wreath-laying ceremony  
9 a.m., May 31**

**Camp Samek flagpole**

**For more information, contact Master Sgt.  
Patrick Narango at 420-2289**



### Camp Samek MWR events

- May 24- Fun Night
- May 25- Bingo
- May 26- Squadron Feud
- May 27- Dominoes
- May 28- Texas Hold 'Em
- May 29- Spades
- May 30- Pizza & a movie

\*\*All events begin at 8 p.m., and are held in the Recreation Tent

### Kandahar Airfield facilities

#### Military Police

841-1461

**Fire Department**  
Emergency 911,  
Other: 841-1225/1227; 685-1317  
070 7156 301

**KAF Post office**  
841-1117  
9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Daily

**Army Finance**  
841-1316  
8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon-Sat.  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sundays

**Base/Post Exchange**  
9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Daily

### Did you know...

The following entitlements are available to service members deployed to a combat zone:

- Hostile Fire Pay, \$225 per month
- Family Separation Allowance, \$250 per month
- Hardship Duty Pay, \$100 per month

For more information about these entitlements, email the Finance staff at

451AEW.FM@kdab.afcent.af.mil

### Camp Samek facilities

#### Clinic (451st AEW/SG)

Daily, 8 a.m. to midnight  
Sick call: 8 to 10 a.m. and 8 to 10 p.m.  
420-2197  
Services include medical evaluation and treatment, immunizations, and medical out-processing. Medical emergencies should call 911 or seek care at the Role 3. Acupuncture treatment is available evenings by appointment only.

#### Mail Room (451st AEW/CSA)

Wing headquarters building  
Mon. -Sat.  
10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 5:30 p.m.

#### Legal (451st AEW/JA)

Mon-Sat., 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Sundays, 1 to 8 p.m.  
420-2279  
Services include wills, powers of attorney and more. Appointments can accommodate shift workers and are available upon request.

#### PERSCO (451st MSG/FSF)

24/7 except Sundays  
420-2141  
PERSCO's primary mission is casualty reporting and accountability. Services include emergency leave requests, reenlistments, promotion releases, coordinate assignment notifications, duty info updates, etc.

#### MWR (451st MSG/FSF)

Lodging office  
24/7  
420-2280

Fitness Center  
24/7  
Services include treadmills, free weights.

Morale Tent  
24/7  
Services include DVDs, computers, phones, Chapel services staff

Recreation Tent  
24/7  
420-2195  
Services include DVDs, video games, T-shirts, nightly activities.

### Chapel Events

#### Sunday @ Camp Samek

Contemporary Protestant, 11 a.m.,  
Recreation Tent  
Field Worship Service, 5 p.m.,  
772nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron

#### Sunday @ Fraise Chapel

Catholic Mass, 8:30 a.m.  
Contemporary Protestant, 10 a.m.  
Traditional Protestant, 11:30 a.m.  
Spanish Language, 12:30 p.m.  
LDS, 1:30 p.m.  
Church of Christ, 3:30 p.m.  
Anglican-UK, 5 p.m.  
Canadian Protestant, 7 p.m.  
Filipino Language, 8 p.m.

#### Sunday, other services

Gospel, 11 a.m., Fest Tent  
Protestant, 9 a.m., South Park  
Contemporary Protestant, 11 a.m.,  
Camp Davis  
Catholic Mass, 7:30 p.m., South Park

#### Fraise Chapel, Weekdays

Catholic Mass, Mondays through  
Fridays, 11:30 a.m.  
Gospel Bible study, Tuesdays, 7 p.m.  
Gospel Joy Night service,  
Thursdays, 7 p.m.

#### Chapel Ministry Center

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m.,  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, Chapel Ministry Center

For more information on 451st AEW chapel events, call 420-2289.

Want to see something in the next edition of the Chronicle? Tell us! Also, send announcements for volunteer opportunities for Airmen in the AOR to [451AEW.PA@kdab.afcent.af.mil](mailto:451AEW.PA@kdab.afcent.af.mil)

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## Chaplain's Corner

By Chap. (Capt.) Steve Cuneio

# The Principle of Goodwill

Nobody talks about this principle much. What's goodwill? Well, let me illustrate it like this: We have each been given a bank account with a million dollars in it.

And with that account, we can write checks on it, we can withdraw from it, we can debit it, but we can't spend it on ourselves.

Why? Because this account has to be used for the sole benefit of serving others. It has to be given out to others. It has to be spent on others. You can give from it to anybody else and you can spend from it on anybody else, but not yourself!

What do most people have a tendency to do with an account like this? Well, knowing the weakness of human nature as it is, they sit on the account.

They won't even give anybody \$10 bucks out of their million-dollar account. They can't spend it, but nobody else will receive it either, because they won't give it.

They adopt a negative mentality in life that says, "I'm going to get all I can, 'can' all I get, and then sit on the can! Do you know what that money is that they are sitting on? Simply speaking, it's goodwill.

I'm reminded of the great violinist, Nicolo Paganini, who willed his marvelous violin to Genoa -- the city of his birth -- but only on condition that

the instrument never be played upon. It was an unfortunate condition, for it is a peculiarity of wood that as long as it is used and handled, it shows little wear. As soon as it is discarded, it begins to decay.

The exquisite, mellow-toned violin has become worm-eaten in its beautiful case, valueless except as a relic. The moldering instrument is a reminder that a life withdrawn from all service/goodwill to others loses its meaning.

Here's my challenge to all of us in the 451 AEW when it comes to our goodwill accounts:

Spend it!

Hand it out!

Say something or do something positive for others that's worth the equivalent of a thousand dollars to them!

And guess what?

It's free!

It's free for you to give it and free for them to receive it!

Say "I love you" to those closest to you, write the letter that you've been meaning to write, send the positive email that you know you should send, give an encouraging word, care, serve and help others where they need it the most.

Make it your goal in life.....that at the end of your life, your goodwill bank account will be used up and be at a zero balance.

In my faith tradition, I'm taught that it is "more blessed to give than receive."

The principle of goodwill is really right in line with one of our Air Force core values: service before self.

During the American Revolution, a man in civilian clothes rode past a group of soldiers repairing a small defensive barrier.

Their leader was shouting instructions, but making no attempt to help them. Asked why by the rider, he retorted with great dignity, "Sir, I am a corporal!"

The stranger apologized, dismounted, and proceeded to help the exhausted soldiers.

The job done, he turned to the corporal and said, "Mr. Corporal, next time you have a job like this and not enough men to do it, go to your commander-in-chief, and I will come and help you again."

It was none other than George Washington. What a great example of withdrawing from one's account to serve others.

The principle of goodwill.....giving and serving others! It brings purpose and meaning to one's life.

And, you'll never know whom you might impact, or the depth of that impact, until you make a withdrawal from your account and spend it on somebody else.

Exploring personality styles seminar  
May 29

To register, call Tech. Sgt. Scott Devine, Chapel Services, at 420-2289